

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA DIVISION**

LISA MARIA LONG,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

EXPERIAN INFORMATION
SOLUTIONS, INC.; and ALLY
FINANCIAL INC.,

Defendants.

Case No.

COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

COMES NOW Plaintiff, LISA MARIA LONG (hereinafter “Plaintiff”), by and through her undersigned counsel, for her cause of action against Defendants, EXPERIAN INFORMATION SOLUTIONS, INC. (hereinafter “Experian”); and ALLY FINANCIAL INC. (hereinafter “Ally”) (hereinafter collectively “Defendants”), and in support thereof respectfully alleges violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (“FCRA”), 15 U.S.C. § 1681, *et seq.*

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. This is an action for actual damages, statutory damages, punitive damages, costs, and attorney’s fees brought pursuant to the FCRA.

2. Today in America there are three major consumer reporting agencies, Equifax Information Services LLC (hereinafter “Equifax”), Trans Union LLC

(hereinafter “Trans Union”), and Experian Information Solutions, Inc. (hereinafter “Experian”) (hereinafter collectively “CRAs”).

3. Consumer reporting agencies that create consumer reports, like Experian, are charged with using reasonable procedures designed to ensure the maximum possible accuracy of the information they report. It is not enough for them to simply parrot information they receive from entities, particularly where a consumer makes a dispute about information reported.

4. When a consumer like Plaintiff disputes information through the agencies, those disputes are transmitted to the party furnishing the information. The FCRA demands that each party separately conduct a reasonable investigation of the consumer’s dispute and correct or delete information they learn to be inaccurate or cannot otherwise verify.

5. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has noted, “experience indicates that [Credit Reporting Agencies] lack incentives and under-invest in accuracy”. Consumer Fin. Prot. Bureau, Supervisory Highlights Consumer Reporting Special Edition 21 (Issue 14, March 2, 2017).

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

6. Jurisdiction for this Court is conferred by 28 U.S.C. § 1331, as this action involves violations of the FCRA.

7. Venue is proper for this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2), as this is the judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred.

8. Venue is proper in this District as Plaintiff is a natural person and resident of Montgomery County in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Defendants transact business within this District; and violations described in this Complaint occurred in this District.

9. Plaintiff is a “consumer” as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(c).

10. Experian is a corporation with its principal place of business in the State of California and is authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through its registered agent, C T Corporation System, located at 600 N 2nd Street, #401, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101.

11. Experian is a “consumer reporting agency,” as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1681(f). Experian is regularly engaged in the business of assembling, evaluating and disbursing information concerning consumers for the purpose of furnishing consumer reports, as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1681(d) to third parties.

12. Experian disburses such consumer reports to third parties under contract for monetary compensation.

13. Ally is a corporation with its principal place of business in the State of Michigan and is authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

through its registered agent, C T Corporation System, located at 600 N 2nd Street, #401, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101.

14. Ally is a “furnisher of information” as that term is used in 15 U.S.C § 1681s-2.

15. Ally furnished information about Plaintiff to the CRAs that was inaccurate.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

16. Plaintiff is alleged to owe a debt to Ally, partial account number ending in x1758, as to an auto loan (hereinafter “Ally Account”). Plaintiff does not have an account with Ally and never applied or gave permission to anyone to apply using her information for the Ally Account.

17. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff is a victim of identity theft.

18. In or about Spring of 2024, Plaintiff first became aware of the fraudulent Ally Account.

19. Plaintiff has made numerous attempts to correct the erroneous reporting without much success.

20. In or about October/November 2024, Plaintiff contacted Experian to dispute the erroneous Ally Account.

21. On or about November 7, 2024, Plaintiff contacted the Abington Township Police Department, incident number 24-036224, regarding the fraud and identity theft.

22. On or about November 12, 2024, Plaintiff received dispute results from Experian which stated the Ally Account was verified as accurate and updated.

23. Experian failed to do any independent investigation into Plaintiff's disputes, but rather parroted the information it received from the furnisher.

24. Experian never attempted to contact Plaintiff during the alleged investigation.

25. Upon information and belief, Experian notified Ally of Plaintiff's dispute. However, Ally failed to conduct a reasonable investigation and merely compared its own erroneous data to that provided by Experian in connection with the dispute investigation.

26. On or about January 23, 2025, Plaintiff obtained a copy of her credit reports from Experian. Upon review, Plaintiff observed that the Ally Account was reported with a status of not more than three payments past due and a balance of \$22,480. Such a high balance negatively affected Plaintiff's debt-to-income ratio.

27. On or about February 26, 2025, Plaintiff filed a Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") Identity Theft Report, report number 183944650. In this

report, she explained that she was a victim of identity theft and that the Ally Account listed in her credit report did not belong to her.

28. Due to the inaccurate reporting, on or about February 27, 2025, Plaintiff mailed a detailed dispute letter to Experian. In the letter, Plaintiff requested a copy of her credit report. Further, Plaintiff advised she was a victim of identity theft and that the Ally Account did not belong to her. To confirm her identity, Plaintiff included images of her driver's license and Social Security card in the letter. Further, Plaintiff provided images of the erroneous reporting, images of her filed FTC Identity Theft Report, and other supporting documents.

29. Plaintiff mailed her detailed dispute letter to Experian via USPS Certified Mail, tracking number 9407 1112 0620 6437 4799 91.

30. Despite confirmation of delivery on March 3, 2025, Plaintiff did not receive dispute results or a copy of her credit report in the mail from Experian.

31. However, on or about April 3, 2025, Plaintiff obtained an updated copy of her Experian credit report, and to her relief, the Ally Account was no longer reported.

32. As a result of the inaccurate credit reporting, Plaintiff has suffered damages, including, but not limited to:

- i. Monies lost by attempting to fix his credit. Plaintiff has suffered actual damages in postage paid, wasted ink and paper, wasted time,

and lost wages due to missing work in attempts to cure the reporting errors;

- ii. Loss of time attempting to cure the errors;
- iii. Mental anguish, added stress, aggravation, embarrassment, emotional distress, sleepless nights, headaches, fluctuations in weight, and other related impairments to the enjoyment of life; Plaintiff is being physically affected by Defendants' actions;
- iv. Apprehensiveness to apply for new credit due to the fear of rejection; and
- v. Defamation as Defendants published inaccurate information to third party entities.

CAUSES OF ACTION

COUNT I

Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1681e(b) as to Defendant, Experian Information Solutions, Inc. (Negligent)

33. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through thirty-two (32) above as if fully stated herein.

34. Experian violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681e(b) by failing to establish or to follow reasonable procedures to assure maximum possible accuracy in the preparation of the credit report and credit files it published and maintains concerning Plaintiff.

35. Experian allowed for a furnisher to report an inaccurate and erroneous account to Plaintiff's credit file.

36. Upon information and belief, Experian does not allow its representatives to call consumers, like Plaintiff, during the dispute process or call witnesses with knowledge about the dispute.

37. Experian selects to just parrot the information provided by the Furnisher and to avoid conducting re-investigations.

38. Experian chooses the illegitimate parroting of information despite consumers (like Plaintiff) providing ample evidence.

39. As a result of this conduct, action, and inaction of Experian, Plaintiff suffered damage, including without limitation, loss of the ability to benefit from lower interest rates; loss of time; financial loss; physical injury; emotional distress; and mental and emotional pain stemming from the stress, anguish, humiliation, and apprehension in applying for credit and the damages otherwise outlined in this Complaint.

40. The conduct, action, and/or inaction of Experian was negligent, rendering it liable for actual damages, in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681o.

41. Plaintiff is entitled to recover costs and attorney's fees from Experian in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681o.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, LISA MARIA LONG, respectfully requests that this Court award actual damages against Defendant, EXPERIAN INFORMATION SOLUTIONS, INC.; award Plaintiff her attorney's fees and costs; award pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the legal rate; enjoinder from further violations of these parts; and such other such relief the Court may deem just and proper.

COUNT II
Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1681e(b) as to
Defendant, Experian Information Solutions, Inc. (Willful)

42. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through thirty-two (32) above as if fully stated herein.

43. Experian violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681e(b) by failing to establish or to follow reasonable procedures to assure maximum possible accuracy in the preparation of the credit report and credit files it published and maintains concerning Plaintiff.

44. Experian allowed for a furnisher to report an inaccurate and erroneous account to Plaintiff's credit file.

45. Upon information and belief, Experian does not allow its representatives to call consumers, like Plaintiff, during the dispute process or call witnesses with knowledge about the dispute.

46. Experian selects to just parrot the information provided by the Furnisher and to avoid conducting re-investigations.

47. Experian chooses the illegitimate parroting of information despite consumers (like Plaintiff) providing ample evidence.

48. As a result of this conduct, action, and inaction of Experian, Plaintiff suffered damage, including without limitation, loss of the ability to benefit from lower interest rates; loss of time; financial loss; physical injury; emotional distress; and mental and emotional pain stemming from the stress, anguish, humiliation, and apprehension in applying for credit and the damages otherwise outlined in this Complaint.

49. The conduct, action, and/or inaction of Experian was willful, rendering it liable for actual or statutory damages and punitive damages, in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n.

50. Plaintiff is entitled to recover costs and attorney's fees from Experian in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, LISA MARIA LONG, respectfully requests that this Court award actual or statutory damages and punitive damages against Defendant, EXPERIAN INFORMATION SOLUTIONS, INC.; award Plaintiff her attorney's fees and costs; award pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the legal

rate; enjoinder from further violations of these parts; and such other such relief the Court may deem just and proper.

COUNT III
Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1681i as to
Defendant, Experian Information Solutions, Inc. (Negligent)

51. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through thirty-two (32) above as if fully stated herein.

52. After receiving Plaintiff's disputes, Experian violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681i by: (i) failing to delete inaccurate information in Plaintiff's credit file after receiving notice of such inaccuracies; (ii) failing to conduct a lawful and reasonable reinvestigation into Plaintiff's disputes; (iii) failing to maintain reasonable procedures with which to filter and verify disputed information in Plaintiff's credit file; (iv) failing to review and consider all relevant information submitted by Plaintiff in the disputes; and (v) relying upon verification from a source it has to know is unreliable.

53. Despite the large amount of information and documentation produced by Plaintiff demonstrating the inaccurate reporting, Experian failed to conduct independent investigations into Plaintiff's disputes and simply transferred the duty to investigate to the furnisher.

54. Plaintiff provided Experian with the information it needed to confirm that she was a victim of identity theft. Experian ignored this information and failed

to conduct a thorough investigation into her disputes or otherwise make her credit file accurate.

55. As a direct result of this conduct, action and/or inaction of Experian, Plaintiff suffered damage, including without limitation, loss of the ability to benefit from lower interest rates; loss of time; financial loss; physical injury; emotional distress; and mental and emotional pain stemming from the stress, anguish, humiliation, and apprehension in applying for credit and the damages otherwise outlined in this Complaint.

56. The conduct, action, and/or inaction of Experian was negligent, rendering it liable for actual damages in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681o.

57. Plaintiff is entitled to recover costs and attorney's fees from Experian in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to § 1681o.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, LISA MARIA LONG, respectfully requests that this Court award actual damages against Defendant, EXPERIAN INFORMATION SOLUTIONS, INC.; award Plaintiff her attorney's fees and costs; award pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the legal rate; enjoinder from further violations of these parts; and such other such relief the Court may deem just and proper.

COUNT IV
Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1681i as to
Defendant, Experian Information Solutions, Inc. (Willful)

58. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through thirty-two (32) above as if fully stated herein.

59. After receiving Plaintiff's disputes, Experian violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681i by: (i) failing to delete inaccurate information in Plaintiff's credit file after receiving notice of such inaccuracies; (ii) failing to conduct a lawful and reasonable reinvestigation into Plaintiff's disputes; (iii) failing to maintain reasonable procedures with which to filter and verify disputed information in Plaintiff's credit file; (iv) failing to review and consider all relevant information submitted by Plaintiff in the disputes; and (v) relying upon verification from a source it has to know is unreliable.

60. Despite the large amount of information and documentation produced by Plaintiff demonstrating the inaccurate reporting, Experian failed to conduct independent investigations into Plaintiff's disputes and simply transferred the duty to investigate to the furnisher.

61. Plaintiff provided Experian with the information it needed to confirm that she was a victim of identity theft. Experian ignored this information and failed to conduct a thorough investigation into her disputes or otherwise make her credit file accurate.

62. As a direct result of this conduct, action and/or inaction of Experian, Plaintiff suffered damage, including without limitation, loss of the ability to benefit from lower interest rates; loss of time; financial loss; physical injury; emotional distress; and mental and emotional pain stemming from the stress, anguish, humiliation, and apprehension in applying for credit and the damages otherwise outlined in this Complaint.

63. The conduct, action, and/or inaction of Experian was willful, rendering it liable for actual or statutory damages and punitive damages in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n.

64. Plaintiff is entitled to recover costs and attorney's fees from Experian in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to § 1681n.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, LISA MARIA LONG, respectfully requests that this Court award actual or statutory damages and punitive damages against Defendant, EXPERIAN INFORMATION SOLUTIONS, INC.; award Plaintiff her attorney's fees and costs; award pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the legal rate; enjoinder from further violations of these parts; and such other such relief the Court may deem just and proper.

COUNT V
Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1681g as to
Defendant, Experian Information Solutions, Inc. (Negligent)

65. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through thirty-two (32) above as if fully stated herein.

66. After receiving Plaintiff's disputes, Experian violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681g by failing to disclose to Plaintiff all information in Plaintiff's credit file.

67. Plaintiff provided to Experian appropriate and sufficient proofs of identity to allow Experian to create a high degree of confidence in knowing the identity of Plaintiff.

68. Despite the sufficient proofs of identification produced by Plaintiff, Experian refused to conduct any independent investigations into Plaintiff's disputes and provide any documentation, her credit report, or dispute results to Plaintiff.

69. As a direct result of this conduct, action and/or inaction of Experian, Plaintiff suffered damage, including without limitation, loss of the ability to benefit from lower interest rates; loss of time; financial loss; physical injury; emotional distress; and mental and emotional pain stemming from the stress, anguish, humiliation, and apprehension in applying for credit and the damages otherwise outlined in this Complaint.

70. The conduct, action, and/or inaction of Experian was negligent, rendering it liable for actual damages in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681o.

71. Plaintiff is entitled to recover costs and attorney's fees from Experian in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to § 1681o.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, LISA MARIA LONG, respectfully requests that this Court award actual damages against Defendant, EXPERIAN INFORMATION SOLUTIONS, INC.; award Plaintiff her attorney's fees and costs; award pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the legal rate; enjoinder from further violations of these parts; and such other such relief the Court may deem just and proper.

COUNT VI
Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1681g as to
Defendant, Experian Information Solutions, Inc. (Willful)

72. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through thirty-two (32) above as if fully stated herein.

73. After receiving Plaintiff's disputes, Experian violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681g by failing to disclose to Plaintiff all information in Plaintiff's credit file.

74. Plaintiff provided to Experian appropriate and sufficient proofs of identity to allow Experian to create a high degree of confidence in knowing the identity of Plaintiff.

75. Despite the sufficient proofs of identification produced by Plaintiff, Experian refused to conduct any independent investigations into Plaintiff's disputes and provide any documentation, her credit report, or dispute results to Plaintiff.

76. As a direct result of this conduct, action and/or inaction of Experian, Plaintiff suffered damage, including without limitation, loss of the ability to benefit from lower interest rates; loss of time; financial loss; physical injury; emotional distress; and mental and emotional pain stemming from the stress, anguish, humiliation, and apprehension in applying for credit and the damages otherwise outlined in this Complaint.

77. The conduct, action, and/or inaction of Experian was willful, rendering it liable for actual or statutory damages and punitive damages in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n.

78. Plaintiff is entitled to recover costs and attorney's fees from Experian in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to § 1681n.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, LISA MARIA LONG, respectfully requests that this Court award actual or statutory damages and punitive damages against Defendant, EXPERIAN INFORMATION SOLUTIONS, INC.; award Plaintiff her attorney's fees and costs; award pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the legal rate; enjoinder from further violations of these parts; and such other such relief the Court may deem just and proper.

COUNT VII
Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1681 s-2(b) as to
Defendant, Ally Financial Inc. (Negligent)

79. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through thirty-two (32) above as if fully stated herein.

80. Ally furnished inaccurate account information to the CRAs and through the CRAs to all of Plaintiff's potential lenders.

81. After receiving Plaintiff's disputes, Ally violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-2(b) by (i) failing to fully and properly investigate Plaintiff's dispute of the erroneous account; (ii) failing to review all relevant information regarding same; (iii) failing to accurately respond to the CRAs; and (iv) failing to permanently and lawfully correct its own internal records to prevent the re-reporting of the representations to the consumer reporting agency.

82. Plaintiff provided all the relevant information and documents necessary for Ally to have identified that the account was erroneous.

83. Ally did not have any reasonable basis to believe that Plaintiff was responsible for the account reported in its representations. It also had sufficient evidence by which to have verified that Plaintiff was not the responsible party, including information provided to Ally by Plaintiff in connection with her disputes of the account in question. Instead, it knowingly chose to follow procedures which did not review, confirm, or verify the account belonged to Plaintiff. Further, even if

it would attempt to plead ignorance, it had the evidence and information with which to confirm and recognize that Plaintiff was a victim of identity theft.

84. Ally violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-2(b) by continuing to furnish inaccurate information to the CRAs after it had been notified that the information it was furnishing was inaccurate.

85. As a direct result of this conduct, action, and/or inaction of Ally, Plaintiff suffered damages, including without limitation, loss of the ability to benefit from lower interest rates; loss of time; financial loss; physical injury; emotional distress; and mental and emotional pain stemming from the stress, anguish, humiliation, and apprehension in applying for credit, and the damages otherwise outlined in this Complaint.

86. The conduct, action, and inaction of Ally was negligent, rendering it liable for actual damages, in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 USC § 1681o.

87. Plaintiff is entitled to recover costs and attorney's fees from Ally in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 USC § 1681o.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, LISA MARIA LONG, respectfully requests that this Court award actual damages against Defendant, ALLY FINANCIAL INC.; jointly and severally; award Plaintiff her attorneys' fees and costs; award pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the legal rate; enjoinder from further

violations of these parts; and grant all such additional relief as the Court deems appropriate.

COUNT VIII
Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1681 s-2(b) as to
Defendant, Ally Financial Inc. (Willful)

88. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through thirty-two (32) above as if fully stated herein.

89. Ally furnished inaccurate account information to the CRAs and through the CRAs to all of Plaintiff's potential lenders.

90. After receiving Plaintiff's disputes, Ally violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-2(b) by (i) failing to fully and properly investigate Plaintiff's dispute of the erroneous account; (ii) failing to review all relevant information regarding same; (iii) failing to accurately respond to the CRAs; and (iv) failing to permanently and lawfully correct its own internal records to prevent the re-reporting of the representations to the consumer reporting agency.

91. Plaintiff provided all the relevant information and documents necessary for Ally to have identified that the account was erroneous.

92. Ally did not have any reasonable basis to believe that Plaintiff was responsible for the account reported in its representations. It also had sufficient evidence by which to have verified that Plaintiff was not the responsible party, including information provided to Ally by Plaintiff in connection with her disputes

of the account in question. Instead, it knowingly chose to follow procedures which did not review, confirm, or verify the account belonged to Plaintiff. Further, even if it would attempt to plead ignorance, it had the evidence and information with which to confirm and recognize that Plaintiff was a victim of identity theft.

93. Ally violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-2(b) by continuing to furnish inaccurate information to the CRAs after it had been notified that the information it was furnishing was inaccurate.

94. As a direct result of this conduct, action, and/or inaction of Ally, Plaintiff suffered damages, including without limitation, loss of the ability to benefit from lower interest rates; loss of time; financial loss; physical injury; emotional distress; and mental and emotional pain stemming from the stress, anguish, humiliation, and apprehension in applying for credit, and the damages otherwise outlined in this Complaint.

95. The conduct, action, and inaction of Ally was willful, rendering it liable for actual or statutory damages and punitive damages, in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 USC § 1681n.

96. Plaintiff is entitled to recover costs and attorney's fees from Ally in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 USC § 1681n.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, LISA MARIA LONG, respectfully requests that this Court award actual or statutory damages and punitive damages against

Defendant, ALLY FINANCIAL INC.; award Plaintiff her attorney's fees and costs; award pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the legal rate; enjoinder from further violations of these parts; and such other such relief the Court may deem just and proper.

JURY DEMAND

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38, Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury of all issues triable by jury.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, LISA MARIA LONG, respectfully requests that this Court award judgment for actual, statutory, compensatory, and punitive damages against Defendants, EXPERIAN INFORMATION SOLUTIONS, INC.; and ALLY FINANCIAL INC., jointly and severally; attorneys' fees and costs; prejudgment and post-judgment interest at the judgment rate; and such other relief the Court deems just and proper.

DATED this 3rd day of April 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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